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Just Sayin'...

Changing and Growing



by *Adam
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Welcome, newcomers, to the beginning of your ride as a Cedarville Yellow Jacket. In many ways, college is like a bike ride. Everything starts out well, the wind

is blowing through your hair

and the sun is shining, but after you reach the first hill you start to think, "What have I done? I've made a terrible mistake." You keep pedaling, however, and a few miles down the road you think back to all those doubts and you wonder what happened to the space in between.

It flew by, because you stopped focusing on those doubts and turned your attention to the menial task of pedaling. Soon, you will realize, you are nearing the end, sweaty, exhausted, and in dire need of a nap, but nearing the end nonetheless.

For now though, as new students, you are experiencing freedom for the first time in your life. College is as exciting as it is terrifying. The beginning of college is a joyous occasion, and then classes start, a routine develops, and the luster wears off. You might wonder where all the fun went, because all you are doing now is homework, but do not fear. Part of the learning curve with college comes with figuring out how to balance your education and your social life.

Chances are, new student, you will hear an oft repeated phrase along the lines of "Cedarville is a greenhouse." While true in many ways, Cedarville is a great place to grow in knowledge and faith, that phrase underlines a bone-deep human necessity that we have to change and grow. To do that, we have to break down the stability and comfort we grow accustomed to in our lives.

There will probably come a point in your Cedarville life where everything slows down, you settle in, and life returns

to some normalcy. You learn how to get to Bill's Donuts in Beaver Creek, or that there's pickup basketball almost every Sunday afternoon at the gym, or that the time you save walking across the frozen lake from the Stevens Student Center to your class in the School of Biblical and Theological Studies is not worth the hazard or the fine. You will learn of legendary SGA Chaplain Steve Clark from the upperclassmen, or that there is a record store in Yellow Springs, or you might learn what a record even is.

You will learn so many things outside of the classroom, and you will begin to feel like you belong in this place, yet in those moments of relative comfort, whenever they arrive, you must struggle to find a sense of change in your life, because as is true of human nature, and especially of our nature as Christians, we never truly arrive, and we never truly belong.

We are meant to seek change, even in minor ways, because it keeps our spirits healthy and clean, much like how a stagnant pond is filled with algae and will often smell, but if you place a fountain in the pond and keep the water moving, the water will soon clear.

College in modern times is as much a rite of passage into adulthood as it is an education, but remember, we are all college students. Regardless of major, we are all college students. We all have tests, we all have papers, and we all have homework. The assignments might look different. Your professor might grade tougher than your friend's professor, but that is no reason to complain.

There will be nights you have to stay up late working on a project, and your roommate or friends in your hall are all in a room watching the game, or the new episode of your favorite show is on, and you have to miss it because of your homework. It can be easy to harbor bitterness in those moments, and it seems that all of your friends are out to rub it in that they are free from their obligations. Yet your friends are trying to enjoy themselves, and we are in college to get a degree, after all.

One night in my freshman year, my roommate was complaining that he had to write a 700-word essay answer-

ing the prompt "What is Justice?" for his composition class. I had nothing to do that night, and his complaining was bothering me to the point where I told him, as if I were I child challenging another child to race on the playground, "I bet I can finish writing that essay before you."

Should I have tried to motivate him in other ways besides competing with him over a composition essay? Sure. Was I just trying to make him stop complaining? Absolutely. Since then, I have spent countless nights complaining about assignments that I have known weeks about. I am aware that makes me a hypocrite, but with hindsight I see that my complaining has done me little help, and that the people I have complained to have just as much to complain about as I do, even if the nights I am busy are not the same nights they are busy.

Dear fellow students, freshman or senior, struggle alongside other people and avoid the enmity and strife that comes with complaining. It's not worth it.

Finally, there is chapel. We are required to go to chapel every day the sun rises during the week, and while that may have been a deciding factor in your college choice, there will be days when chapel feels like a burden.

Maybe you'll hear from a friend that the speaker for the day will be boring, and that all your friends are skipping so if do go you will have to sit next to your brother unit by yourself, or that composition paper you have to write didn't write itself after you went to sleep like you prayed it would.

While skipping chapel is not the end of the world, there will be days in chapel when it is a chore to stay awake, or days when, in your opinion, the band chose all of the worst modern worship songs. I urge you, fellow Cedarville student, on those days, to fight to stay awake and to pay attention to what the speaker is saying.

As I have grown older, I have learned that every minute is an opportunity to learn and to change, and with that mindset, whether if you continue at Cedarville for all four years, or if you leave before you graduate from here, your college experience can help you understand who you are, and help you mature into the person you want to become.

Who are some important People on Campus?

Thomas White

Thomas White has been our president at Cedarville since 2013. He and his wife Joy have two children. Their daughter Rachel was adopted in 2005 and Samuel was born in 2011.

As president, he not only manages the operations of our school, he also speaks at chapel on Monday mornings. This year, he will have a chapel series on the book of James called "Steadfast Faith for Trying Times." White has a doctorate degree in systematic theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity in the pastoral track from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor's Degree in English from Anderson University.

White operated four karate schools when he was in college and was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame. White has taught systematic theology classes in the School of Biblical and Theological Studies, and his wife has taught women's ministry classes there as well. You can visit White and his family at "Christmas at the White House" in December and try one of his wife's Oreo balls.



Mindy May

Mindy May started working at Cedarville as the director for counseling services in 2014. Now, she is the director for Student Development. Student Development is a Cedarville department that encompasses counseling services and residence life. In this structure, residence directors provide mentorship and accountability to students in order to be proactive about the need for counseling.

May received her Bachelor's of Science in psychology at East Texas Baptist University, a master's degree in Christian education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is working to get her doctorate in Psychology and Counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her areas of expertise include trauma, depression, eating disorders, sexuality concerns and relational issues.

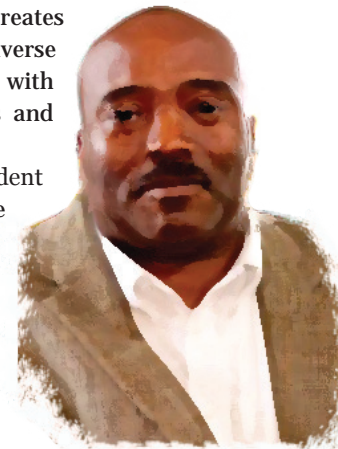


Gregory Dyson

Gregory Dyson began working at Cedarville as the director of intercultural leadership in 2014. In this role, Dyson creates programs to recruit and celebrate students of ethnically diverse cultural backgrounds. Some of the programs he's helped with include organizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day events and planning salsa dance nights on campus.

The office of intercultural leadership has a student organization called Vision to recruit students from diverse backgrounds. The office of intercultural leadership also develops scholarships and camps for prospective students from diverse backgrounds. In addition, his office maintains relationships with churches and other organizations in order to recruit potential students.

He holds a certificate in theology from the Word of Life Bible Institute, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible from Cedarville and is working toward a Master's of Science degree in organizational leadership at Cairn University. He maintains a blog about diversity initiatives called Intercultural Update on Cedarville's website.



Brian Burns

Brian Burns is the director for Student Life programs at Cedarville University. In this role, he advises the student leaders who organize events such as Campus Christmas, Elliv, ALT Nights and Winter Blast.

Student Life programs also manage the information desk in the SSC. The organizations under Burns's leadership include the Student Center Activities Board (SCAB,) Rinnova Coffee, Student Government Association (SGA,) and Getting Started Leaders (STING.)

One of Burns' biggest roles at Cedarville is to lead the CU Lead conference. The CU Lead Conference is an annual conference for Cedarville org leaders and those who desire to lead Cedarville orgs in the future. It focuses on three areas of biblical leadership: stewardship, influence and service. Burns began working at Cedarville in 2001.



Jon Wood

Jon Wood is the vice president for Student Life and Christian Ministries. His department oversees career services, discipleship ministries, counseling services and campus recreation, among many other aspects of Cedarville life.

In addition, Wood teaches classes in the School of Biblical and Theological Studies at Cedarville. Wood holds a Master's of Divinity degree and doctorate degree in systematic theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He began working at Cedarville in 2013. He has four children named Jackson, Olivia, Parker and Lincoln.



What is There to Do On and Off Campus?

Ministries: local, national, global

Students have many opportunities to get involved with many local and global ministries during their time at Cedarville.

Local Church

Getting connected with a local church is probably one of the best ways for students to get involved in local ministries. Whether it's teaching a Sunday school class, volunteering in a children's program or singing in the choir, the local church gives students relationships beyond the university and ministry in the surrounding community.

Student-led Outreach

Also available to students are various groups of students who participate in a variety of different types of ministries on a weekly basis. There is a ministry to fit every kind of personality ranging from personal evangelism to tutoring kids and nursing home volunteers to prison ministry workers.

One ministry, Doors of Hope, is a group of students that partners with My Church for one-on-one evangelism every Friday. Each week they split up into groups with church members and go to various locations in downtown Springfield and simply ask people if they can pray with them. This ministry really takes students out of their comfort zones while in turn giving them a greater confidence in their faith and a deeper love for lost souls.

Mission Trips

Many students choose to spend their spring break or summer vacations serving in various mission trips around the world. However, some students miss out because of a misconception that all mission trips are major specific.

While there are many trips designed for nurses, engineers or teachers, there are just as many trips designed for those who want to serve people. In previous years, student groups have been sent to the Dominican Republic to serve with an organization called Makarios International which was founded by a Cedarville alumna named Sharla Megilligan. While in the DR, students have helped with maintenance projects at the Makarios school as well as taught classes. Team members also have assisted in providing Makarios students with medical care and have served hot meals to students.

D-Groups

Freshman year can feel overwhelming with all the demands for your time. On top of classes, there are orgs looking for members, intramural teams recruiting players, and then there is this thing called a social life to consider. Understandably, by the time you hear the calls to join a d-group it is tempting to drop it to the bottom of your priorities.

Yet d-group may be one of the most enriching parts of your school year. But what is a d-group exactly? Some would be tempted to call it a Bible study, but that would be incorrect. While you will be studying a book of the Bible, usually through a study guide or informative book, d-group is about discipleship.

D-group is a small group of men or women led by a discipleship leader. The first meeting is mainly introductions and receiving your books. After that, the d-group leader will present his or her lifemap where they will tell you about themselves and share their testimony. Throughout the year, every member of the group will prepare and present their lifemap. While this can feel awkward at first, lifemaps are a great way to learn more about the members of your group and practice giving your testimony.

D-group meets weekly and each meeting normally focuses on a chapter of your book or study guide. The d-group leader will lead the discussion and will encourage discussion to promote spiritual growth. D-groups will also occasionally have community nights where instead of doing regular group activities the group will play games.

The people you meet in a d-group may become some of your closest friends by the time your year together is over. They can also be an important biblical support network.

Intramurals

Did you enjoy playing sports in high school? Do you enjoy playing sports for fun? Do you enjoy other fun games like ultimate Frisbee or wallyball? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, intramural sports is an activity you need to participate in.

Intramural sports are super popular at colleges all across the United States, and Cedarville is no exception. Students participated in many traditional sports like basketball, soccer, flag football, and volleyball. There are also other fun intramural sports like ultimate Frisbee, raquetball, sand volleyball and wallyball, disc golf and more.

There are different leagues students can compete in based on their competitiveness and talent. If you are looking for higher competition, you should join an A-league team. If you are looking for something to help you get exercise and to have fun, you should join a B-league team. There are plenty of teams in each division. Leagues usually start off with a round robin.

Once the round robin is complete, the teams with the best records compete in a playoff. Teams from both A-league and B-league compete against each other in the playoffs. Players on the championship team in each sport receive an intramural sports champion T-shirt. This is one of the most coveted T-shirts at Cedarville and not just anyone can get one.

Intramural sports have a lot to offer to students and never disappoint. There is something offered for everyone.

Student Orgs

Of the scores of student orgs, every student is sure to find a group of students with similar interests and in turn make lasting relationships.

Student orgs reach a wide range of student personalities from sketch comedians to history buffs and those who want to adopt-a-grandparent to women in engineering.

Each student organization hosts a variety of events for both its members and the Cedarville community including concerts, dance recitals and lecture series. At times, multiple orgs will even co-host events to attract a wider range of students.

Student orgs not only unite students of common interest but also help students in their career search. Org members make professional contacts and receive portfolio building tools to aid students in finding a job upon graduation.



Submitted by Andriana Polsdorfer

A team of Cedarville students visited Makarios International in March 2016.



Submitted by Young's Jersey Dairy

Young's

Located just outside of Yellow Springs, Young's Jersey Dairy is more than just an ice cream place.

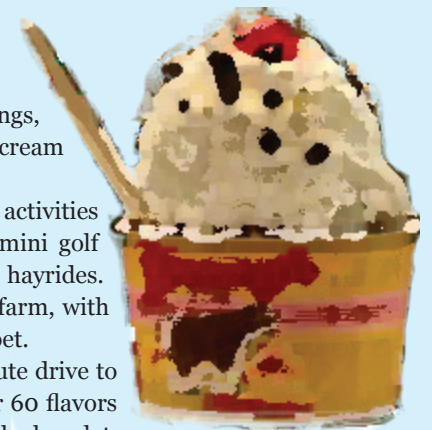
Young's offers a variety of affordable activities year-round, from their Udders and Putters mini golf and batting cages to their fall corn maze and hayrides. Cedarville students can also explore Young's farm, with cows and goats and other animals to see and pet.

However, most students take the 15-minute drive to Young's for the ice cream. Young's offers over 60 flavors of ice cream and gelato, from Cow Patty, dark chocolate ice cream with chocolate treats mixed, to Tiramisu, a light coffee flavor, to Sea Salty Caramel. All of Young's ice cream comes right from the cows on the dairy farm, so the flavors have a unique, homemade taste.

Students can grab a bowl or a waffle cone and either stay inside the timber-framed building or hang out on any of Young's numerous exterior picnic tables.

For those students who want something warmer, Young's also offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner options at the Golden Jersey Inn. Visiting students grab an order of deep fried cheddar cheese curds or purchase baked goods to take back to the dorm.

Young's operating hours depends on the seasons, but, from Aug. 22 to Nov. 5, the dairy store is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Where Can I Hang Out?

Yellow Springs

Eight miles away from Cedarville University you will find a colorful town called Yellow Springs full of locally owned stores and host of several street fairs. Yellow Springs has all of the adventure without having to go almost 30 minutes to the mall in Beavercreek.

Landmarks of the town include many locations downtown as well as in the small town of Clifton nestled near Yellow Springs. The Little Art Theatre located in downtown Yellow Springs is a movie theater that features a mix of contemporary and classic films. Like Little Art, Dark Star Books is yet another twist on the classic. At this bookstore and many others in Yellow Springs, you will find new and used books, not to mention an impressive comic book selection and a resident black cat seemingly always perched on the furniture.

Also located in the downtown area, Atomic Fox is a popular antique store with an affordable record selection. Browse the furniture and gadgets while you're there to peek into life around the 60s, 70s and 80s. If you're lucky, the bowl of antique button pins will be full when you visit.

Before you head out of downtown, grab a cup of coffee and hit the farmer's market. You won't find a Starbucks or a Dunkin Donuts anywhere near, but you can experience a new vibe at places like The Spirited Goat or Dino's Cafe. The Yellow Springs Farmers' market is also open every Saturday now through Nov. 19, 7 a.m. to noon.

On a quick drive from downtown going back toward Cedarville, you will pass through Clifton, home of the Clifton Mill. At this restaurant the pancakes are massive and you cannot order just one. Although, you probably would not want to order any less because they are fluffy and delicious as any good pancake should be.

Rinnova

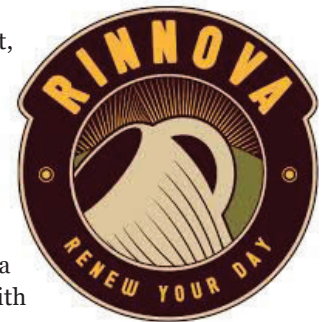
Freshman year can be exhausting, and let's face it, those gen-ed classes do not get any more exciting with time. Still, something has to keep you from passing out on your textbooks. Rinnova provides the perfect source of caffeinated beverages to keep you going and has a great environment.

Located in the lower Stevens Student Center right next to the Hive, it is in a great location for you to grab a cup of coffee and dash to your next class, or you can sit with friends and catch up on homework.

Rinnova has a variety of hot and cold coffee drinks that will keep you caffeinated and refreshed. From your average cup o' joe to your mocha-frappe-capuccino-whatever latte, you've got plenty of options.

If you are not a big coffee drinker (midterms and finals will likely change that,) there are plenty of other options available. If you desire something cold and fruity, Rinnova does have a number of smoothie options. During the colder months, nothing beats a cup of hot chocolate or warm apple cider. If you simply must have your afternoon tea with the rest of high society, Rinnova has you covered in that department as well.

Getting drinks from Rinnova all the time is not exactly cheap, so you may want to maximize your dollars by getting Chuck's Bucks to use at Rinnova. Chuck's Bucks will give you more purchasing power than what you spend on them. For example, turning \$25 into Chuck's Bucks will give you \$27 to spend. You can buy Chuck's Bucks at the Hive or the food services office, but keep in mind they will expire at the end of the semester.



When Are The Major Events On Campus?



CAMPUS CHRISTMAS



ELLIV



ALT NIGHTS

Campus Christmas

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, and Cedarville's Campus Christmas makes it that much better.

Campus Christmas is a campus-wide Christmas celebration that takes place the week before finals. The main event of Campus Christmas is hall-decorating. Each hall chooses a theme they want to put on display in their dorm. This can be a Christmas theme (Elf, Bethlehem, North Pole...) or any other type of theme as well. In the past, people have decorated with themes like Finding Nemo, nursing homes, and even Chinatown. Every dorm has a time slot where all students can walk through.

There is also a late Christmas breakfast served in Chucks. A free breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits is served in the dining hall. Students may complain about the food in Chucks every other day, but not about the late night breakfast. Live Christmas music is also played, as well as karaoke Christmas carols.

In addition, there is a Christmas party at Dr. White's house. How often do students get to interact with their university's president, let alone go to his house and hang out with his family? Shuttles transport students from campus to his house and back to campus. Students RSVP ahead of time for a half-hour time slot. You won't want to miss out

on Mrs. White's baking either.

There are also a handful of other things that go on during Cedarville's Campus Christmas celebration. Play a game of laser tag. Decorate cookies, cards, and T-shirts. Slide down the Christmas slide. Take a picture with Santa. There is so much to do and see. If nothing else, it is a great stress-reliever before you enter finals week.

Elliv

For many Cedarville students, Elliv is the calm before the storm that is the spring finals week. Elliv is not only a good excuse to procrastinate from studying, it also showcases the musical and creative talents of the student body. This crossover between a rock concert and an award show, Elliv, is entirely student-led and gives students the chance to hear great music, get dressed up, and win outrageous awards.

The Music

Elliv's music sets the tone for the rest of the evening's festivities. Musical acts range from large ensembles to solo performers with music varying from classic rock to alternative hip hop and from jazz to indie pop.

Each act strives to put on its best performance, complete with lights, dancing, and the perfect song, with the hopes of finding favor with the audience. Throughout the show, the audience is tasked with determin-

ing who's best in show, as they send in their votes via text.

The Wardrobe

One of the most unique aspects of Elliv is the level of creativity students put into their event attire. Costumes ranging from life-size trophies to a literal roller coaster of emotions and jeans and T-shirt concert wear to red carpet formal attire, there is no shortage of style options for students.

The Awards

The audience not only determines which act was best in show, they also award best dressed and various other awards throughout the evening. The audience is asked to choose best roomies, best face swap, best attitude and a variety of other crazy categories.

Elliv truly encapsulates the unique campus culture and celebrates Cedarville's diverse student body. Many students say Elliv is the perfect culmination to the school year and puts on display the best of Cedarville's student life.

ALT Nights

About once a month, SCAB offers a Friday night alternative to going off campus or staring at the dorm walls.

These alternatives, known to most as Alt Nights, consist of a variety of activities

centered around a major motion picture. From indoor archery to celebrate "MockingJay: Part 2" to Frisbee disc decorating for "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" to free puppy chow with "Into the Woods", Alt Nights have activities for a wide range of student tastes.

On the days before an Alt Night, SCAB transforms the Stevens Student Center with movie posters, standups, and vivid lighting all centered around the film. Rinnova advertises a signature drink for the evening, such as their Jarvis Juice smoothie for the outdoor showing of "Avengers: Age of Ultron." Then, just after supper starts, SCAB starts the free showings of the film in the Devries Theater, SSC event rooms, or outside on the hill beside the SSC or in the SSC parking lot. There are multiple showings in each location, so students can fit the film into their preferred viewing schedule.

A word of caution: some excited Alt Night attendees may wait in line outside the Devries Theater for an hour or more to get into a specific showing, so students who aren't as excited about receiving the SCAB-created movie ticket can have a less-intense wait if they go to a viewing in the event rooms. Or, students can check out some of the other activities, such as s'more roasts in the parking lot, Wii games, and green screen themed pictures with Filmgate, a student org, while they wait for a (slightly) smaller line.

Why does Cedarville Have These Traditions?

Tennis balls

It may seem confusing when you first see tennis balls in the lake. Why are there so many? Aren't the tennis courts on the other side of campus? Yes, they are. But the Cedarville campus golf course is not.

Campus golf is a fun and unique Cedarville game. You do not even have to be good at golf to play. All each player needs is one golf club (usually one of the irons) and a tennis ball. There are 18 "holes" set up all over campus, hence the name campus golf. Play the front nine or the back nine. If you have extra time on your hands, try all 18.

Each hole already has a par number, so scoring is not a problem. The number changes based on difficulty and distance just like in real golf.

There is also a Cedarville campus golf Masters tournament each spring. It is an invitational tournament with 32 players competing. Players are chosen based on qualifications determined by the Cedarville Masters committee. The committee says the whole point of the tournament is to provide entertainment to all the campus golf fans at Cedarville. While the game of campus golf has been around for a long time, the masters has only been around since 2013.

Need to find a course map? How about hole-specific rules? Would you like to know more about the Cedarville Masters? All of this and more can be found at the Cedarville Masters' website at <http://cedarvillemasters.wixsite.com/campusgolf>. After a couple games, you will fully understand why there are always a number of tennis balls in the lake. Not everybody can compete in



Photo by Naomi Harward

the Masters, but everybody SHOULD compete in at least one campus golf game during their time at Cedarville University.

Cedarville Rock

For decades, Cedarville's rock has been used by professors and students alike to convey a variety of messages from well-placed humor to marriage proposals.

One of the cornerstones of student life, the Rock has kept the campus informed of students doctrinal convictions, "ESV or Die!", give birthday shoutouts and have even been the canvas for art majors renditions of famous works such as "Starry Night" or "The Scream."

SGA and student orgs have also used the Rock to inform students of upcoming events from ALT nights to CU Fridays. Even during winter and summer break the Rock

informs faculty, staff, and visitors of upcoming programs and camps put on by the university.

The Rock also aided in the practical application of engineers thermodynamic skills. In 2014, a group of engineering students decided to transform the Rock into a giant ice cube. After weeks of preparation, the students had constructed four 3-4 inch thick blocks of ice totaling 1,600 pounds. As a reward for their efforts, the Rock was featured in local papers and television stations.

Meet Market

If you've been to a CU Friday, you've probably already heard of the Meet Market. It's the lawn between Printy and Lawlor where you can meet that special someone. Cedarville has an emphasis on ring by spring, and you can start young — as young

as freshman year even — especially if you are a girl living in Printy or boy living in Lawlor.

In the meet market, you can find boys serenading girls on acoustic guitars, or even just bro-sis meet ups. It's the place to be when you are feeling lonely.

Another way to meet someone of the opposite sex is through pick-a-dates. Pick-a-dates are when your friends pair you off with another friend for a night of fun. Try not to stand in the Meet Market too long, or else you may end up in an awkward couple.

Every couple at Cedarville is called an awkward couple. Those who are in the couples enjoy them, and those who are not in the couples avoid them. If you're in an awkward couple, just please make sure to leave room for the Holy Spirit.

HOW CAN I MAKE THE BEST OF MY CEDARVILLE EXPERIENCE?

Study Tips

Do Your Assignments

It's straightforward enough. But, since navigating coursework can get confusing, here are some hints.

Use the Buddy System

Asking for help is not admitting defeat. Luckily, Cedarville is full of people who would love to help you with assignments. Your professors understand their assignments best, so they should be the first to turn to for advice. Professors will often be more understanding on assignments if you have already come to them for help. Or, ask other students.

Upperclassmen in your major have taken the classes you're going to face, and they can give you tips. Even just

partnering up with students who are in the class currently can help you prep for upcoming tests. The Cove, located in the upper School of Biblical and Theological Studies building, offers tutoring sessions throughout the semester in a variety of gen ed. courses. The Writing Center, located in lower Tyler Digital Commons Center, has a staff of student tutors who are trained to help you become a better writer in Composition, other gen eds, and even courses in your major.

Don't Procrastinate

Seriously. If you're stuck on an assignment at 1 a.m. the night before it's due, the professor won't be able to help you. Many professors don't regularly check their emails at night because they're with their families. If you send them a question after 5 p.m., don't expect to get an answer until after chapel the next morning. Start assignments, especially difficult ones, ASAP.

Plan it Out

Whether you use a planner, write in a calendar, or just pin your syllabi on the wall, you need to have your assignments visible and in order of when they're due so you don't accidentally forget one.

Chuck's Tips and Tricks

Being on campus nine months out of the year, some elements of Cedarville may become monotonous. Not everyone can eat the same exact thing everyday, so you might have to get a little creative in Chucks. There's more than just the Home Cooking station.

Flat grills and sandwich smashers

Do not be afraid of them. They are your friend when the only thing that sounds good is an omlette or you need to change up your lunch sub.

Stir Fry

You can make stir fry out of any meat and vegetables you want. Throw in some rice or pasta from the pizza bar to round out the meal and take advantage of spice and sauce combinations to find your favorite flavor.

Desserts

Ice cream is a given but waffles and ice cream can really create something spectacular. Whether is just a single waffle quarter and a scoop or a double layer waffle cake, it is worth a shot. For a healthier dessert option, take to the grill again. Slice up some apples and coat them with some cinnamon and honey. Let them sizzle on the grill for a few minutes to get warm. Eat them as is for the healthy option or you can use them as a warm vanilla ice cream topping.

French Toast

This is one recipe that doesn't even have to be makeshift. The ingredients are all there. Pick some of the

drier bread and dip it in the mixture of egg and cinnamon to fry like a pancake on the grill for fresh French toast.

Creative Ways to Have Fun with Friends on Campus

Cedarville may be surrounded by cornfields, but there is still plenty of fun to be had on campus. The first step is simply leaving your dorm room.

College can be intimidating at the start, and it often feels like you have no time for fun. Despite how busy you might be, it is still important to take time to rest and enjoy yourself with friends. Even God rested after creating the world in six days.

Yet as a freshman, you may not have a car so you're limited on where you can go. This means you need to find ways to have fun on campus when you can't find a ride.

While your dorm room buddies may be a fun group to be around, you should still branch out and make other friends. One way to do this is to hang out in the Game Room in the lower Stevens Student Center. Hang out long enough and you're bound to find a group of people with similar interest. It may be a group of people watching a major ball game or some Whovians watching the newest episode of "Dr. Who," or a group of people playing a card or board game at one of the tables. There are even individuals playing Pathfinders or Dungeons & Dragons occasionally. Leave the sword at home though.

If you want to spend more time outside, you may consider joining the latest craze of Pokémon GO players. With nine Pokestops around Cedar Lake alone, the campus is a prime location for the up-and-coming Pokémon trainer. It is also a great way to make new friends with similar interest or friendly rivalries as you encounter other players.

There are many other fun things to do on campus like attending ALT nights, playing campus golf or attending music or theater performances on campus. So get out of your dorm room and enjoy your once-in-a-lifetime college experience.



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